



Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of
Bethany Lutheran School
Long Beach, CA
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Bethany Parents,

Thank you to those of you who wrote to our district supervisor, Janice Hahn, regarding a return to in-person instruction. According to a news briefing yesterday, the supervisors will be discussing the school waiver process at their meeting this evening. We will keep you posted on any developments!

Please note that we don't have school OR childcare this Friday. We hope you enjoy the 3-day weekend fall break!

This Sunday will be Dr. McDaniel's last Sunday here at Bethany. If you would like to join us for in-person worship on the field, please RSVP for a spot [here](#).

This weekend we received the sad news that one of our former school parents (and an alum of our school), Greta Falkner, died on Sunday of complications from COVID. We are shocked and so very sad for her triplets Maddie, Jackson and Gavin, as well as her parents Michele and Wayne. Greta and her family had relocated to Arkansas, but were still connected to many of us here at Bethany.

We take refuge and peace in knowing that Greta was a baptized child of God with a strong faith in her Savior, and we put our hope in the promise of the resurrection: Jesus said, *"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live..."* John 11:25-26

We miss you.

Be safe.

You are SO. LOVED.

Dr. Fink

Monthly Awards "Walk the Talk!"

For the months of August/September, we are honoring students who "lead by example in making responsible and Godly choices for the sake of self, others and creation."

K-MykelAngelo Szekely

1st-Alyssa Flores

2nd-Lily Craft

3rd-Emilee Torres

4th-Daniella Martins

5th-Jesse Hamond

6th-Maddie Farley

7th-Jenna Walleman

8th-Taylor Alexander

*We will recognize these students
in a chapel service when we
return!*

Cook's Night Out

Support our 8th Grade DC Trip!

Enjoy authentic Mexican cuisine

Wednesday October 7

SUPER MEX

5254 Faculty Ave

Lakewood CA

Super Mex will donate 20% of your check total when you present the flyer attached to today's Bear Facts. All day participation is encouraged, Patio Dining is available (limited seating), as well as takeout



School Bulletin #5

September 29, 2020

DON'T FORGET

Oct. 2-Progress Reports
©Oct. 2-Fall Holiday-No
School-No
childcare/EDC/Office is
closed

Get the Scoop on Scrip!

Get ready for big rebates every weekend in October with Bonus Fest! It's coming Oct. 9 - 31. Each weekend features a different lineup of brands on bonus for 2 days only. Take advantage of the extra earning to make an even bigger impact for your rebate.

Things to know:

- Bonuses start Friday morning and end Saturday night.
- Offers will be announced each Friday.
- All gift card types (eGift cards, physical gift cards, and money added to reloadable cards) are included

If you haven't already signed up, now's the time - ShopWithScrip.com or the new Raise Right app. Enrollment code is 1BL8EE69719L



The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

HELP! HELP!

Do you like to paint? We have a desk for our new counseling office that could use a coat of paint (or two?) Contact Dr. Fink if you'd like to help!



For September we will be donating to Christian Outreach in Action in downtown Long Beach. This amazing ministry feeds hundreds and hundreds of local residents every week.

“This little light of mine... I'm gonna let it shine”

It is nearly impossible to visit our Bethany campus without hearing some sort of music playing – the chimes that play familiar tunes on campus at designated times, sounds of voices singing, piano keys practicing and praising, handbells ringing, instruments tuning and collaborating – it's just part of who we are. Our Bears love sharing their light – their love of God through music, and it shows in their notes, voices, sounds and faces.

For the past 30 years, we have been blessed to be led to praise Him “with a beautiful sound” by an example of extraordinary talent, standards, grace and *fun* with our very own Dr. Carol McDaniel. This is her last week on campus with us before she moves to Nebraska to join her husband in a new adventure in their lives. Our children, our families, our staff and our community have been elevated by the enthusiasm, passion and love Dr. McDaniel has instilled in us for music that glorifies our Father and brings us closer to Him. I'm sure your kids have shared memories of Millie the Mouse, Top Banana awards, choir and handbell rehearsals and festivals, silly warm-up songs, M&M's, beautiful chapel music, preparing for concerts and singing in church, and an *always* energetic leader. She is one who leads by example and encourages us to connect, pray and serve our Lord in music that moves us.

While we will sorely miss our very own Dr. McDaniel, we know others will benefit from the love of music she has shared with us, as we keep letting our light shine as she inspired us to do.

BearFam, join me in wishing Dr. McDaniel and her family a huge hug, safe journeys and a warm “see you soon?”. Your impact has been a great one. You will be missed and are so very loved.

Keep shining, friends!
Jen Carlson, PTL Communications

Like so many events we look forward to, Bethany Lutheran's *Raise A Glass!* to support Student Success event has been upended this year due to Covid-19. This annual gathering was scheduled to take place on Sunday, September 13.

Be on the lookout in October for a mailed letter and opportunity to provide support for the Student Success Program like you would annually at *Raise A Glass!* There will also be daily social media posts filled with information about Dyslexia, the Student Success Program, and unique+fun ways you can continue to show your support. You can follow those on Facebook in the Bethany Lutheran in Long Beach, CA group and on Instagram by following @BethanyStudentSuccess.

Middle School Corner

Getting to know...Mrs. Evans 6th Grade Homeroom/Middle School Language Arts

Birthplace: Chicago, IL but moved at 8 days old to Phoenix, AZ

Middle School Memory: I enjoyed leading chapel by singing and playing the guitar with a group of friends. My dad helped us write Christian lyrics to popular songs and we'd share them with the middle school.

Education: Bachelor of Arts degree in English and theology and a Master of Education degree in curriculum and instruction from Concordia University, Irvine, CA

Favorite Bible Verse: My confirmation verse, “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10

Lives: In Long Beach with my with husband and two children, who are in 2nd and 5th grade at Bethany

Favorite Quarantine Hobby: Reading, of course!



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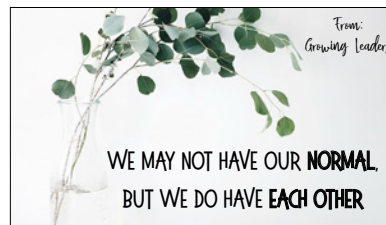
FOUNTAINS or DRAINS

[POSITIVE ATTITUDES]

Fountains and Drains have two opposite functions: fountains overflow with water while drains remove the water completely. In relationships with others, most people are usually a fountain or a drain — they either flow and overflow onto others, or they just drain people of their energy. My guess is that you’ve probably met both kinds of people. They either refresh the life in others or they dry it up. Driven by a positive attitude, great leaders focus on empowering people rather than exploiting them.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Get together as a family, and make a plan to write or record encouraging messages to friends and family. Challenge your kids to think especially about people they know who are more lonely during this time. (e.g. grandparents, friends or family members who live alone, etc). You could even challenge kids to create encouraging artwork they could mail or take a picture of and send.



Click [here](#) for additional ideas for creative ways to stay busy

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some characteristics of someone who is “draining” during a time like this?
2. What are some characteristics of people who have positive “fountain” attitudes during this time?
3. What are steps you can take to make sure you are more of a “fountain” than a “drain?”



HAVING PERSPECTIVE

At some point in life, we are all met with disappointment. Things just don’t always go the way that we planned. Sadly, just like COVID-19, these kinds of situations in life are not in our control. What is in our control, however, is how we react to frustrating or disappointing situations. Very few understand this as much as seniors in high school and college during the Spring of 2020. Tens of thousands of soon-to-be-graduating students found out in the blink of an eye that the moment they had been waiting years for was no longer going to happen. No proms, no senior trips, no ceremonies, no championship games, and no caps and gowns. That is very bad news. What’s amazing to us though is how some people were able to still maintain a positive attitude in the midst of a hard situation.

Just a few weeks ago, as hundreds of seniors were flying home from college without their diplomas, one airline took it upon themselves to [throw a graduation ceremony](#) right there on the airplane. The ceremony came complete with calling out names, walking up the aisle, and even a home-made rendition of “Pomp and Circumstance!” This action by the flight attendants didn’t give the seniors back what they were missing, instead it taught them a more important life lesson: that they don’t have to be a victim of their circumstances. They get to choose what to make of the hand they are dealt. You have that power too. So, will you be a fountain or a drain with the situation you’ve been given?

Want more? Read [this open letter](#) to graduating seniors written by a teacher who lost his senior year in 2005 because of Hurricane Katrina.



Making The Most

Take a photo or video of you or your family making the most of your quarantine and hashtag it **#quarantinelife** and **#HabitudesHomeChats** for a chance to be featured on the **Growing Leaders Instagram** [@growingleaders](#)